

## **Exeter Public Library Trustees Minutes April 18, 2017**

Present: S. Canty, M. Lafreniere, D. Leonard, M. McEntee, J. Peschel, P. Sears, L. Wilson, B. Young, H. Godino

Absent: L. Haslam

### **Call to Order:**

- 6:30 pm. Barbara opened the meeting with a roll call.
- She welcomed the new members, Stephanie Canty and Jim Peschel.
- The minutes of the March 21 Trustees' meeting were accepted.
- Barbara discussed certain rules regarding Trustees. One is that the Board of Trustees must work together as a group; no one person can make decisions alone. The Board hires a qualified Director of the library and this person deals with any issues having to do with the library or its staff. If Trustees have a concern they need to talk to the Director, not a staff member. At the same time, they need to support the library. If something is voted on in a Trustees' meeting, and it was something they didn't agree with, the vote is still good and needs to be supported by all members.
- Committee Chairs: New Trustees may sign up for subcommittees that interest them.
  - Mary, Building, Grounds & Technology
  - Paula, Personnel & Policy
  - Lisa, Social
  - Denise; Finance & Fundraising
  - Mary, Long Range Planning

**Correspondence:** -0-

### **Directors Report:**

- Hope passed around hearts made of colored paper. Patrons had written why they loved their library on the hearts and they will be hung up to decorate the library.
- Hope's report:

On April 1<sup>st</sup> (and the following week) we celebrated Dewey's sixth birthday. Children were able to fill out birthday cards and get "Happy Birthday Dewey" buttons. Open Art continues to be available each week on Mondays and Fridays and is well attended. Recent crafts include a daffodil and a giraffe.

Family Storytimes for all ages are on Mondays and Thursdays at 11:00am, and Storytime for ages three and up is on Tuesday and Wednesday at 10:00 and 2:00. During National Library Week (April 9-15), patrons filled out "I Love My Library Because..." hearts which will put on display.

For April Vacation Week we will offer two drop-in Storytime's and Open Art will be as usual. Special events include a visit from meteorologist Kevin Skarupa (Tuesday at 9:45), a Hand Sewing Class with Ms. Margaret (Wednesday at 1:00), and a family movie (Thursday

at 1:00). As part of the Dam Free event on April 29<sup>th</sup>, the children's room will offer a pot decorating and planting activity.

The Evening Book Group enjoyed a special "Read the Book, See the Movie" screening of I Don't Know How She Does It. We showed the film on April 5<sup>th</sup> and discussed the book on April 12<sup>th</sup>. The May selection is The Feud: The Hatfields & McCoys- The True Story. We will screen the 1st episode of The Hatfields & McCoys, a History Channel Series on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 pm and discuss the book on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Our Morning Book Group will discuss John Krakauer's Missoula: Rape and the Justice System in a College Town on April 19<sup>th</sup>. On May 17<sup>th</sup> we will discuss Michael Chabon's The Final Solution.

Our High School Book Group will have a special "Read the Book, See the Movie" screening of Fantastic Beasts & Where to Find Them on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. The group discussed the book on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

In May the group will discuss James Patterson's Zoo on May 12<sup>th</sup>, with a May 10<sup>th</sup> screening of the 1<sup>st</sup> episode of the TV show on an early release day at 1:00. Both movie showing are open to all teens not just book club members.

Our **EPL LOVES YA** program continues to draw teens for weekly fun and games. This month's theme is "Game On!". We played Jeopardy and had a juice mixing party on April 6<sup>th</sup>, Family Feud and munched on Funyions on April 13<sup>th</sup>, and on April 20<sup>th</sup> we will have the library's first ever bottle flipping competition. During April vacation for teens we have a number of events planned. Tuesday at 1:00 is our free PSAT test, Wednesday at 2:00 is a free "Paying for College Seminar with Citizens Bank", Thursday April 28<sup>th</sup> is our Live Library Clue game, Friday is the Fantastic Beasts screening at 1:00.

Our Hamilton Sing-A-Long was such a success in terms of the turnout (60 people attended) on January 28<sup>th</sup> that we are going to repeat the event on April 29<sup>th</sup>, just in time for April School Vacation. Costumes are encouraged for this event. Today, Tuesday April 18 at 6:30 PM we will celebrate National Poetry month with Poetry 'n' Music featuring songwriters and musicians Bob Moore, Chris George and Dan Miner along with Poet Rosemary Staples.

Our monthly movies are the first Monday of the month at 1PM. We have and the monthly movie series, Armchair Travel is the last Monday of the month at 1PM.

Tech Teach, free one-on one technology lessons are extremely popular. We offer these lessons on the first Monday of the month 5-7PM and on the last Friday of the month 10AM to noon. Give us a call for more information and to sign-up for a lesson.

We continue to offer outreach to senior facilities and the schools.

#### **Operating statement:**

- The operating statement was accepted. Hope said there is nothing unusual for this time of year. The service contract line looks high and that is because these have to be paid at the beginning of the year.

#### **Building, Grounds and Technology: -0-**

**Finance and Fundraising:**

- Martha asked if she could put together a proposal for fundraising in the future. Denise suggested that the subcommittee get together and discuss this further.

**Long Range Plan:**

- Mary said that there will be a meeting within the next couple of weeks with the architects to discuss the suggestion to break up the new building project into 3 stages. This will happen before the next Trustees meeting and will be reported back at that meeting.

**Personnel and Policy: -0-****Social:**

- Lisa reported that the Staff Appreciation Party went well. Everyone had a good time. Julia received a 10-year button, Gail a 25-year button and Hope a 30-year button. Trustees said thank you to all the staff.

**Continuing Business:**

- Paula reported on the new Friends group. They have a Board and this group will be meeting in the next couple of weeks to organize and write their Bylaws. The next meeting of the entire group will be in May.
- Hope is having the website redesigned. It will be hosted by the town of Exeter and will be an add-on to their website.
- She is working with the town to accept credit cards at the library.

**New Business:**

- The NH LTA is having their annual meeting on Tuesday, May 23. All trustees are members of this group. If anyone wants to go to this meeting, talk to Hope so she can get you registered.
- Jim asked if he was a member of the NHLTA. Hope said that the library has money in the budget to pay for memberships for all Trustees.
- Stephanie suggested a press release announcing the new Trustees. She was then asked to be in charge of publicity for the Trustees. She accepted.

**Next Meeting May 16, 2017 at 6:30 pm.**

Meeting Adjourned 7:01 pm.

Pam Darlington